SENATE BILL 2364

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 3, relative to nuisances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-3-107, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c) If the relator is the attorney general and reporter, a district attorney general or a city or county attorney, the relator shall not consent to a voluntary dismissal prior to providing the community affected by the nuisance with notice of the proposed resolution and an opportunity to be heard. The community shall include, at a minimum, any person who resides or owns a business within one thousand feet (1000') of the nuisance, but may include any interested party who notifies the relator of the interest. Notice may be provided through mailing or posting, when appropriate. Nothing in this subsection (c) shall prevent the relator from consenting to a voluntary dismissal after providing the required notice and opportunity to be heard. Nothing in this subsection (c) shall be allowed to delay a taking or demolition of nuisance property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.